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Enhancing collaboration and co-operation between basic and applied researchers in memory and cognition

**MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mike Toglia

It is with mixed emotions that I write my final SARMAC message, No. 17, as Executive Director. It has been an 8 and a half year ride during which I have lent a hand, along with the Governing Board and Officers, in helping us navigate through periods of exciting growth. In that time, the Society has maintained its basic sense of purpose as expressed in our motto, while also changing in important ways. Perhaps most prominently, we have truly become the international organization we set out to be that summer day in 1994 on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park when SARMAC was officially formed. I am proud to say I was there that day as a founding member of SARMAC, a society that grew out of a group that occasionally held Practical Aspects of Memory (PAM) conferences. In Maryland we were holding PAM III, with the first PAM conference held in Cardiff, Wales in 1978. It was there, in Cardiff, that the well-known memory researcher and author of the seminal book *Cognitive Psychology* (1967) Dick Neisser proclaimed in a now famous quote, "If X is an interesting or socially significant aspect of memory, then psychologists have hardly ever studied X." Cognitive Psychology and later SARMAC, came to successfully heed those words.

Regarding our international status, I was elected Executive Director on July 4, 2003 at our biennial in Aberdeen, Scotland. This was the first

locale in which the society had come together outside of North America. Since then our membership has been represented more and more by countries worldwide and when counting Aberdeen, 3 of the last 5 conferences (Scotland, New Zealand, & Japan) have been held outside of North America, where all of the early conferences had been convened. I always thought it ironic that I became Executive Director on an American holiday while I was in Europe. In keeping with our world view, our new Executive Director, Kaz Mori whose university is in Tokyo, Japan, will start his directorship on January 1, 2012, appropriately on a worldwide holiday.

In NYC at SARMAC IX this past June, the Board approved the next two conference sites: Rotterdam in 2013 and Victoria, Canada in 2015. We have many student members, with a significant number of them attending the conferences. In this regard I believe we will continue our student travel awards program that began with the Bates convention in 2007.

Before I get too far ahead of myself, let me formally welcome Dr. Kazou Mori as SARMAC's new Director. I look forward to his leadership and to an exciting 2012 for the society. A key reason for the excitement is that our new journal, JARMAC, the *Journal for Applied Research in Memory and Cognition*, under the editorship of Ron Fisher, will

start its first full year in 2012. We also hope to capitalize on a record year of membership as 2011 saw some 375 members join or rejoin the society. This shattered the record total of 300 in 2009. This represents the second highest total since our inception in 1994. Thus we have continued to grow. To provide additional context, I opened my June 2006 Newsletter message as follows, "Welcome to all! I am pleased to tell you that SARMC is healthy on all fronts, including 2012 membership which stands at about 240 as of this writing. In 2000 we had 260 members and I am confident that soon we will exceed that total from 6 years ago. In spite of this, the Board and I are optimistic that we can do even better." And yes, we still believe we can do better.

In 2004, we moved to an electronic payment system with credit card payment via a PayPal account. It was rough sledding at first, but it is pretty smooth now. Checks/cheques and/or money orders are still accepted. Thanks to the considerable efforts of Bob Belli, the society's Secretary-Treasurer, we are officially a not-for-profit organization. The duties of this position have swelled over the years, especially during the two terms of my service. Who knew that our financial agenda would come to include 15-20 items? The duties of the Executive

Director have expanded as well, to the point where hardly a day goes by that I was not attending to society business. That said, Kaz is absolutely up to the challenges, present and future. The transition to his Directorship began months ago, and I will make sure that all goes seamlessly in the coming months as Kaz takes a hold of the reins.

In addition to noting the appointment of Danielle Polage as Associate Editor of the Newsletter joining our terrific Editor, Lauren Shapiro, I also wish to report the results of two recent elections. An opening on our 5 member Publications Committee was filled in September by Richard Kemp of the University of New South Wales. In the very recent Board Election completed in December, Robyn Fivush, Tim Perfect, Kathy Pezdek, and Maria Zaragoza were reelected, while Deyrn Strange and Ira Hyman were newly elected members to the Governing Board. These 6 will serve a 4- year term. Many thanks to Neil Brewer and Aldert Vrij, who did not stand for reelection, for serving the society well for 4 years.

In closing, I extend my gratitude to Cathy Togliola for her work as our Administrative Assistant these 8 and a half years. Thank you, Dear! And Happy New Year to everyone.

MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kaz Mori

It is my great honor to be elected Executive Director of this Society. I will do my best to make this society more prosperous, following in the footsteps of my predecessors, Mike, Maryanne, and other senior members. It is a personal matter, but I became 60 years old last year. In the Oriental customs, in Japan, China, and probably in Korea, we celebrate the age 60 having those who become this age wear a red jacket. But, I put on my red SARMAC happi in 2009 already at Kyoto.



Anyway, it is especially memorable for me to be elected Executive Director at the age of 60. As an Asian, one of my goals is to encourage more Asian members, including Japanese ones, to contribute to the society. Please let me know if you have any ideas or suggestions to improve the society. I will try to implement them and meet your expectations as much as possible. A group is only as good as the members who belong to it. So, I hope all of you will support

and assist me in making SARMAC even better than before.

Too short? Well, I will learn things gradually during my term, and I hope I will write a much longer message at the time of retirement. Thank you very much.

MEMBERSHIP

Deb Connolly and Heather Price

We are beginning the second year as Chairs of the SARMAC membership committee. Last year, the focus of our recruiting efforts was personalized emails. We contacted persons who publish scholarly papers in relevant journals and we contacted students and academics who presented at the SARMAC conference in New York. This year, we will add an additional strategy to our arsenal—a kind of snowballing technique. Over the next few months Heather and I will contact some of our existing members asking you to encourage colleagues, students, and eligible professionals to join SARMAC. We will even write the email that you can simply personalize and forward.

But, you don't have to wait for either of us to contact you. Here is a quick blurb that you can use right now. "Why join SARMAC? As a member of SARMAC, you have access to contact information and a summary of the research interests of hundreds of other researchers who are also members of the Society. Members receive

substantial discounts on conference registration fees, including, of course, the upcoming conference in Rotterdam. Members also have access to the online resource library that contains valuable information about teaching, research, and grant opportunities as well as a list of current jobs in our field. And, now that JARMAC, the newest society journal, has launched, members have online access to it as well."

If you have a scathingly brilliant (or just brilliant or just scathing) idea for recruitment and would like to see it implemented, please feel free to contact Heather Price or Deb Connolly and we will make every attempt to implement it. You will find our contact information on the Members page of the SARMAC website, along with contact information for all other SARMAC members.

Thanks for taking the time to read this short article. Remember, recruit, retain, and recruit!!

EDITOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Lauren R. Shapiro

First, I warmly welcome my colleague and friend, Danielle Polage, to the editorial staff of the SARMAC newsletter. Second, we want to remind you to make submissions of your accomplishments and publications at any point during the year for inclusion in the latest newsletter. Third, we would love to have you submit articles for the newsletter. The purpose of these articles is to generate an ongoing discussion and challenge others to think about issues and policies in our field that may lead to much needed research and solutions.

"Its Debatable" This article would entail posting an opinion about a recent controversial issue related to law and psychology. The author would pose the topic and then write a 500 word paragraph.

"A Policy in Need" In this article, the author would propose a policy needed to resolve an issue or problem related to law and psychology or indicate how a policy should be changed to address the issue or problem better in a 500-word paragraph.

JARMAC

Ron Fisher

The Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition (JARMAC) has just completed the decision-making phase for Issue # 1, and I'm happy to say that we've started off well. The articles, which will be available in print by February or March, can be viewed now online at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/aip/22113681>.

We are also well under way for Issue # 2, which should appear in this spring. Fortunately, an excellent Editorial Board has allowed us to provide insightful feedback and with relatively quickly turnaround time. We've even received some unsolicited words of praise about the quality of the reviews (which were critical, but instructive) from one of the authors. Ultimately, JARMAC will succeed because of the quality of the submissions, which I expect to be innovative, substantial, stimulating, and aesthetic.

Submit the best of your research to JARMAC at <http://ees.elsevier.com/jarmac>. To learn more about JARMAC, go to www.elsevier.com/locate/jarmac. I look forward to receiving your work and to your critical feedback about JARMAC.

COGNITIVE TECHNOLOGY

Steve Fiore

Cognitive Technology has continued expanding its coverage of research at the intersection of cognition and technology. Recently we have published articles in traditional areas of cognition (e.g., signal-to-noise ratios and implicit memory), but also articles which blend prospective memory with human factors

research on alarm responses. We also are continuing development of the area of "serious games" research with publication of a cross-disciplinary analysis of how online game playing can influence traditional conceptions of self - a concept long at the very core of cognition. Last, you will find a review of a recent important interdisciplinary book on the potential impact of technology and new media on cognition.

Currently we are completing a special issue based upon selected papers from The 10th International Conference on Naturalistic Decision Making (NDM-2011). The NDM conferences have long provided an important forum where an eclectic community of scholars can examine how outstanding national and international needs are addressed by recent advances in theory and methods. NDM-2011 continued this tradition by bringing together researchers and practitioners from diverse domains who seek to understand and improve how people actually perform cognitively complex functions in demanding situations.

The NDM community represents an important interdisciplinary group of researchers united by their study of human performance in situations marked by time pressure, uncertainty, vague goals, high stakes, team and organizational constraints, changing conditions, and varying amounts of experience. From this group, we have selected a set of papers which explored complex cognition as it occurs in dynamic and real-world contexts and scaffolded with technologies designed to extend and amplify human performance. Cognitive topics in the forthcoming special issue range from planning and option generation to situation awareness and in domains as diverse as healthcare, aviation and cybersecurity.

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT
Culture, Mind, and Brain: Emerging Concepts, Methods, Applications
5th FPR-UCLA Interdisciplinary Conference
October 19-20, 2012 at UCLA

Description

Many lines of research on culture, mind, and brain can no longer be neatly separated. Some questions run together, thanks to our growing understanding of the genome, the biological roots of human sociality, and the mutual constitution of cultures and selves, as well as the complex interactions between the physical, cultural, and social environments underlying health and illness.

The aim of this 2-day conference is to highlight emerging concepts, methodologies and applications in the study of culture, mind, and brain, with particular attention to: (1) cutting-edge neuroscience research that is successfully incorporating culture and the social world; (2) the context in which methods are used as well as the tacit assumptions that shape research questions; and (3) the kinds and quality of collaborations that can advance interdisciplinary research training.

The conference is designed to appeal to a wide academic audience of biologists, neuroscientists, psychologists, anthropologists, sociologists, epidemiologists, and those in related fields interested in learning about cutting-edge interdisciplinary research at the intersection of culture, mind, and brain.

Keynote speakers include:

- **Carlos D. Bustamante**, Department of Genetics, Stanford School of Medicine
- **John Cacioppo**, Department of Psychology, University of Chicago
- **John Capitanio**, Department of Psychology, UC Davis
- **Edith Chen**, Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia
- **Joan Chiao**, Department of Psychology, Northwestern University
- **Steve Cole**, Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology, UCLA
- **Mirella Dapretto**, Department of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences, UCLA
- **Greg Downey**, Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University
- **Clarence Gravlee**, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida
- **Steven J. Heine**, Department of Psychology, University of British Columbia
- **Douglas Hollan**, Department of Anthropology, UCLA
- **Marco Iacoboni**, Department of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences, UCLA
- **Mary Helen Immordino-Yang**, Rossier School of Education, University of Southern California
- **Heejung Kim**, Department of Psychological & Brain Sciences, UCSB
- **Laurence J. Kirmayer**, Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry, McGill University
- **Shinobu Kitayama**, Department of Psychology, University of Michigan
- **Brandon Kohrt**, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, George Washington University Medical Center
- **Robert Lemelson**, Departments of Anthropology and Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences, UCLA
- **Daniel Lende**, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida
- **Tanya Luhrmann**, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University
- **Georg Northoff**, University of Ottawa Institute of Mental Health Research
- **John Novembre**, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UCLA
- **Denise Park**, Center for Vital Longevity, University of Texas (Dallas)
- **Beate Ritz**, Department of Epidemiology, UCLA
- **Carol Ryff**, Department of Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- **Stephen Suomi**, Section on Comparative Behavioral Genetics, NICHD
- **Carol Worthman**, Department of Anthropology, Emory University

Registration for our conference will open soon. For more information, please go to <http://www.thefpr.org/conference2012/index.php>

New Book
FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY: PSYCHOLOGY, CRIME, JUSTICE, AND THE LAW
Graham Davies and Anthony Beech (Eds.)

The text is designed for advanced undergraduate and Masters courses in Forensic Psychology.

PART 1: THE CAUSES OF CRIME

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO UNDERSTANDING CRIME
Emma Palmer
2. DEVELOPMENTAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL THEORIES OF OFFENDING
David Farrington and Maria Ttofi
3. CONTRIBUTIONS OF FORENSIC NEUROSCIENCE
Anthony Beech, Benjamin Nordstrom and Adrian Raine
4. EFFECTS OF INTERPERSONAL CRIME ON VICTIMS
Catherine Hamilton-Giachritsis and Emma Sleath

PART 2: INVESTIGATING CRIME

5. EYEWITNESS EVIDENCE
Lindsay C. Malloy, Daniel B. Wright and Elin M. Skagerberg
6. INTERVIEWING VULNERABLE WITNESSES
Robyn E. Holliday, Joyce E. Humphries, Charles J. Brainerd & Valerie F. Reyna
7. INTERVIEWING SUSPECTS
Ulf Holmberg
8. DETECTING DECEPTION
Pär Anders Granhag and Maria Hartwig
9. OFFENDER PROFILING AND CRIME LINKAGE
Jessica Woodhams
10. INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND STALKING
Louise Dixon and Erica Bowen
11. TERRORISM
Max Taylor

PART 3: THE TRIAL PROCESS

12. JUDICIAL PROCESSES
Jacqueline M. Wheatcroft
13. SAFEGUARDING WITNESSES
Helen L. Westcott and Graham Davies
14. IDENTIFICATION EVIDENCE
Tim Valentine
15. ROLE OF THE EXPERT WITNESS
Brian R. Clifford

PART 4: DEALING WITH OFFENDERS

16. CRIME AND PUNISHMENT: WHAT WORKS?
James McGuire
17. RISK ASSESSMENT AND OFFENDER PROGRAMMES
Ruth Hatcher
18. INTERVENTIONS WITH DANGEROUS OFFENDERS
Leigh Harkins, Jayson Ware and Ruth Mann
19. INTERVENTIONS FOR OFFENDERS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES
William R. Lindsay, John L. Taylor and Amanda M. Michie
20. INTERVENTIONS WITH MENTALLY DISORDERED OFFENDERS
Dawn Fisher, Michelle Ginty and Jagjit Sandhu
21. OFFENDER REHABILITATION: GOOD LIVES, DESISTANCE AND RISK REDUCTION
Tony Ward, Chelsea Rose & Gwenda M. Willis

Congratulations to our Fellow SARMAC Members

Congratulations to our fellow SARMAC members for earning the following awards and honors—appearing in the media---publishing and making some outstanding presentations!

NAME	Robert F. Belli, University of Nebraska -- Lincoln
PUBLICATION	Belli, R. F. (Ed.) (2012). <i>True and false recovered memories: Toward a reconciliation of the debate</i> . Vol. 58: <i>Nebraska Symposium on Motivation</i> . New York: Springer. For more information, click below at: http://www.springer.com/psychology/personality+%26+social+psychology/book/978-1-4614-1194-9
NAME	Danielle C. Polage, Central Washington University
PUBLICATION	Polage, D. C. (2012). Fabrication inflation increases as source monitoring ability decreases. <i>Acta Psychologica</i> , 139(2), 335-342. doi: 10.1016/j.actpsy.2011.12.007

SARMAC Newsletter Submissions

We encourage you to send us information to share with your SARMAC colleagues. We are interested in recent publications, job announcements, calls for papers – or anything else you'd like to share with your colleagues. If you would like to include information in the next newsletter (July, 2012) please email Lauren at lshapiro@monroecollege.edu or Danielle at polaged@cwu.edu.

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